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SUBJECT: THE SHAH AND EUROPE

1. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION ABOUT HIS RECENT TRIP
TO FRANCE, THE SHAH AT AUDIENCE ON JULY 2 INDICATED
THAT HE HAD BEEN PLEASED WITH THE TRIP AND ADDED,
QTE MY REAL INTEREST IN GOING TO FRANCE AT THIS TIME
WAS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE DESTINY OF WESTERN EUROPE
IS INSEPARABLE FROM THAT OF MY COUNTRY UNQTE. HE
POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS THE PSYCHOLOGICAL MOMENT
TO HELP A NEW GOVERNMENT IN FRANCE MAINTAIN THAT
STABILITY WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF
WESTERN EUROPE. REFERRING TO THE BILLION DOLLARS
IRAN WILL ADVANCE TO FRANCE, THE SHAH COMMENTED,
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QTE I AM GOING TO DO THE SAME THING FOR GREAT

BRITAIN. IN FACT, I AM GOING TO DO A LITTLE MORE.
GREAT BRITAIN WILL GET \$1,200,000,000 UNQTE. AT
THIS POINT IN THE CONVERSATION, THE SHAH SWITCHED
TO THE VISIT HE HAD HAD LAST MONTH FROM DR. GUIDO
CARLI, GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF ITALY. IT APPEARS
THAT THE ITALIANS ASKED FOR SOME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FROM IRAN. ACCORDING TO THE SHAH HIS PART OF THE
DIALOGUE WITH CARLI RAN ABOUT AS FOLLOWS: QTE DO
YOU EXPECT ME TO GIVE MONEY TO ITALY WHEN ONE DOES
NOT KNOW FROM ONE DAY TO THE NEXT WHAT KIND OF
GOVERNMENT YOU WILL HAVE? CERTAINLY I HAVE NO
INTEREST IN CONTRIBUTING TO A SITUATION WHICH MAY
HELP ITALY TO GO COMMUNIST. UNDER EXISTING POLITICAL
CIRCUMSTANCES IRAN CANNOT SEE ITS WAY CLEAR TO MAKING
FINANCIAL LOANS TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT UNQTE.

2. FROM DISCUSSING WESTERN EUROPE THE SHAH VEERED TO
THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PROBLEM IRAN HAS BEEN HAVING
IN GETTING THE SOVIETS TO ACCEPT HIGHER PRICES FOR
NATURAL GAS. THE SHAH EXPOSTULATED, QTE THIS COMMUNIST
STATE IS GUILTY OF THE WORST KIND OF IMPERIALISM. IT
IS EVEN WORSE IN ITS BEHAVIOR THAN THE OLD ANGLO-
IRANIAN OIL COMPANY* IT STRIKES ME AS VERY ODD THAT
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND THE LIBERAL ELEMENT IN
YOUR COUNTRY TURN OUT TO BE REAL IMPERIALISTS
WHEN IT COMES TO ACCEPTING THE RIGHT OF THE
INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY TO ESTABLISH FAIR PRICES FOR
ITS NATURAL RESOURCES UNQTE. THE SHAH DID NOT
INDICATE HOW HE SAW THE OUTCOME OF THE TUSSE
WITH THE SOVIET UNION OVER GAS PRICES.

3. THE SHAH EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS PARTICULARLY
PLEASED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S HANDLING OF AFFAIRS
WITH THE USSR IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE WORLD DOES
NOT GET DIVIDED INTO TWO CAMPS. HE SAID THAT AT
A PRESS CONFERENCE IN FRANCE HE HAD ANSWERED ONE
QUESTION BY STATING THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT
PRESIDENT NIXON WOULD NOT MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENT
WITH THE RUSSIANS ALONG THESE LINES. HE THEN
WAXED PHILOSOPHICAL FOR A FEW MOMENTS ABOUT THE
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OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. HELMS UNQTE SISCO

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